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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Subject: Amended Change in Implementation Date for the New Center for

Veterinary Biologics' Killed Veterinary Rabies Reference

Veterinary Services

To: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants

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The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of an amended change in implementation date for the new Center for Veterinary Biologics' Killed Veterinary Rabies Reference. The new lot of Killed Veterinary Rabies Reference, Lot 99-02, was to have an effective date of January 13, 2003, for incorporation into the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Rabies Test for Potency as stated by the Center for Veterinary Biologics Notice No. 02-26. The Center for Veterinary Biologics is currently considering comments from the manufacturers of rabies vaccines and has approved a new effective date of March 31, 2003, for Lot 99-02. Should there be any further changes with regard to the implementation of the new Veterinary Rabies Reference, additional information will be provided prior to the effective date.

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